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Today, June 7, 2014 at about 2:48 PM, the manager of the Safeway store in Edmonds, located at 23632 Hwy 99, noticed a suspicious male shopping in the store. The male was acting odd while walking through the store and then suddenly left, hurrying out the door without purchasing anything. The manager reviewed security tape footage and found where the male had placed something on a shelf in one of the aisles. The manager located the bag hidden behind items on a shelf. Acting on the side of caution the manager elected to evacuate the store and called 9-1-1. Officers were on scene within minutes and assisted in evacuating the store. The bomb squad was contacted and sent two of its members to the scene to further evaluate the bag and its contents. The bomb squad technicians arrived at the store and were able to determine that it was not an explosive device. The bag contained items that the suspect was attempting to steal from the store and elected to hide it on the shelf for some unknown reason.

The suspect is a white male who was wearing a blue or green hat at the time. The investigation is continuing into gaining more information and a more detailed description of the suspect at this time. There is no more information currently and when it becomes available a follow up press release will be made.

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